



Universal Service Administrative Company  
Schools & Libraries Division

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**Administrator's Decision on Appeal – Funding Year 2006-2007**

October 13, 2010

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Re: Applicant Name: MEADOW INDEP SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Billed Entity Number: 141949  
Form 471 Application Number: 517646  
Funding Request Number(s): 1424478  
Your Correspondence Dated: August 11, 2010

After thorough review and investigation of all relevant facts, the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) has made its decision in regard to your appeal of USAC's Funding Year 2006 Commitment Adjustment Letter for the Application Number indicated above. This letter explains the basis of USAC's decision. The date of this letter begins the 60 day time period for appealing this decision to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). If your Letter of Appeal included more than one Application Number, please note that you will receive a separate letter for each application.

Funding Request Number(s): 1424478  
Decision on Appeal: **Partially Approved, Funding Denied**  
Explanation:

- Your appeal has brought forward persuasive information that your appeal should be partially approved. However, the appeal is partially approved and the commitment is fully rescinded for your request for the reasons cited below.

USAC determined that during an audit, Meadow Indep School District provided documentation explaining the vendor selection process. The bid evaluation worksheet showed that Industry Leading Hardware was weighted more than cost and that Quality of References and Hardware Support were weighted the same as cost. Additionally the bid evaluation worksheet showed that both Desert Communications and Dell Computer were considered. You did not demonstrate

in your appeal that price was the primary factor when the district selected its service provider.

- FCC Rules require that applicants select the most cost-effective products and/or services offering with price being the primary factor. Applicants may take other factors into consideration, but in selecting the winning bid, price must be given more weight than any other single factor. 47 C.F.R. sec. 54.511(a); Request for Review by Ysleta Independent School District, et. al., Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Changes to the Board of Directors of the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc., CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 97-21, Order, 18 FCC Rcd 26407, 26429, FCC 03-313 para. 50 (rel. Dec. 8, 2003). Ineligible products and services may not be factored into the cost-effective evaluation. See Common Carrier Bureau Reiterates Services Eligible for Discounts to Schools and Libraries, CC Docket No. 96-45, Public Notice, 13 FCC Rcd 16570, DA 98-1110 (rel. Jun. 11, 1998).

If your appeal has been approved, but funding has been reduced or denied, you may appeal these decisions to either USAC or the FCC. For appeals that have been denied in full, partially approved, dismissed, or canceled, you may file an appeal with the FCC. You should refer to CC Docket No. 02-6 on the first page of your appeal to the FCC. Your appeal must be received or postmarked within 60 days of the date on this letter. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your appeal. If you are submitting your appeal via United States Postal Service, send to: FCC, Office of the Secretary, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554. Further information and options for filing an appeal directly with the FCC can be found in the "Appeals Procedure" posted in the Reference Area of the SLD section of the USAC website or by contacting the Client Service Bureau. We strongly recommend that you use the electronic filing options.

We thank you for your continued support, patience and cooperation during the appeal process.

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